



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

CVH/TCC

3 September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE and A Level Drama Trip – Wednesday 25 September 2024

As you will no doubt be aware, watching live performances contributes greatly to students' appreciation of theatre and in the development of their own creativity. As part of the GCSE and A Level Drama course, it is a requirement that all students have the opportunity to watch live theatre and be able to both analyse and evaluate productions. For both GCSE and A level students, it is a requirement to write about a live performance in the Component 3 written examination, which constitutes 40% of the overall marks. In both examination papers, there is a section on Live Theatre.

We have arranged for our Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 GCSE and A Level students to have the opportunity to travel to The Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester to watch a professional production of A Midsummer Nights Dream, a classic play by William Shakespeare and an ideal production for the GCSE and A Level written exams.

The performance begins at 14:30 on Wednesday 25 September. We will travel by hired coach to Manchester and set off from school at 12:00. Students should meet myself in the drama studio at the beginning of period 3 promptly with a packed lunch to be eaten prior to leaving. We expect that we shall be setting off back from Manchester at approximately 17:00 and therefore expect to return to school at approximately 19.00. However, we are awaiting confirmation of running times from the theatre, so will update travel times as soon as we have more information if needed. May I take this opportunity to remind parents that students are expected to display the very highest standards of behaviour and courtesy.

Under the School Governors' [Charging and Remissions Policy](#), we request a voluntary contribution of £25.00 towards the cost of this activity. This includes the cost of the theatre ticket, travel and insurance. Please provide payment via Parent Pay and this payment is due by Friday 6 September 2024.

When you make payment via ParentPay you will be prompted to provide parental consent for your child to attend this trip and you will also be asked to input your contact /medical details directly into a confidential section of ParentPay. Unfortunately our Risk Protection Assurance policy will not offer cover if a student is unable to attend due to having a positive Covid test, hence in such circumstances no refunds would be available.

Yours sincerely

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